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1. Near Syzran (53°11'N/48°27'E), Kuibyshev Oblast, was a large oil field, extending northwest to Repyevka (53°09'N/48°06'E) and covered with about 300 drilling and producing derricks. Another large field extended northeast from the outskirts of Syzran to Batraki. In addition, there was a small field with about 20 wells in operation on the western outskirts of Syzran. There were two refineries in Syzran which were in operation during the war. Details on the equipment and capacity are not available.

A large long-distance power plant, supplying the whole Syzran area, was built about 15 km south of Syzran in the area of Kashpirovka. It was a steam power plant equipped with 4 large turbines, operated by oil firing. These turbines as well as the remaining machinery of the power plant comprised dismantled German equipment. An oil plant, attached to the power plant, was sometimes mistaken for a refinery, but it was actually an oil filtering plant with a small gasoline separating installation for the power plant's own use.

Even during the war there was a main pipe line connecting the Batraki and Syzran refineries and the oil harbor with the oil fields, located in the large Volga River bend northeast of Syzran. A second oil pipe line, paralleling a highway, ran from the northern outskirts of Syzran across the plateau of the Volga River bend, passing the northern outskirts of Tarnovoye, to Kuibyshev (53°12'N/50°09'E). This large new pipe line had a diameter of about 40 cm. Intermediary pumping stations were established at intervals of about 30 km. The line was scheduled to be connected with the Usolye (53°23'N/49°05'E), Stavropol (53°31'N/49°20'E), Solnoye, Yablonka etc., oil fields. These pipe lines were being extended 12 km to the new oil filtering plant and power plant near Kashpirovka (53°03'N/48°25'E), and another 0.5 km from the oil filtering plant and power plant to the riverside, where filling installations and landing places also were being established. Most of the material used was of American origin. *

* Comment. See Annex for a map of this area. Solnoye, Yablonka and Tarnovoye are not indicated on the available maps (scale 1:1,000,000).

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